



NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION®

NWF's mission is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.

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Congressman Henry Waxman
United States House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0530

Dear Congressman Waxman,

On behalf of our four million members and supporters, and our network of affiliates and the hunters and anglers they represent throughout America, the National Wildlife Federation thanks you for your leadership to stop global warming and to protect wildlife for our children's future.

Global warming is the single most urgent threat to the future of wildlife. Drought and increased temperatures have increased the incidence and size of forest fires in western forests. Warmer water temperatures threaten coldwater fish such as salmon and trout. High temperatures in the "prairie pothole" region, where many of our country's waterfowl go to reproduce, will likely lead to drier conditions and could contribute to the disappearance of up to 69 percent of waterfowl from that region. Several published science studies warn that if we fail to act, global warming could threaten nearly a third of the world's terrestrial plants and animals with extinction by 2050.

The National Wildlife Federation is pleased to endorse your Safe Climate Act. The Act's long term vision and plan will reduce global warming pollution levels 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 and allow us to avoid the most damaging impacts of global warming.

We would particularly like to note the importance of specific measures in the Safe Climate Act which state that a goal of the market based cap on emissions is to support activities that mitigate the impacts of global warming on fish and wildlife habitat. The impacts of global warming are already being felt by the nation's wildlife, and we must begin now to manage those impacts.

The National Wildlife Federation will continue our work to educate and mobilize the public throughout the nation to promote strong steps to curb global warming pollution.

Sincerely,

Larry Schweiger
President & CEO
National Wildlife Federation